

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s):

1. (Currently Amended) For use in a communication network, a first object-oriented telecommunication device capable of communicating with a second object-oriented telecommunication device in said communication network, said first object-oriented telecommunication device comprising:

processing circuitry executing a first plurality of objects, said processing circuitry associated with said first object-oriented telecommunication device; and

an object conduit management information base (MIB) manager capable of gathering data from one or more of said first plurality of objects and generating therefrom a management information base (MIB) data structure representing a plurality of objects in said second object-oriented telecommunication device, the MIB data structure suitable for communicating with said second object-oriented telecommunication device using a specified protocol interface, the MIB data structure comprising a method name identifying a method associated with a target object in the second object-oriented telecommunication device,

wherein a first object of said first plurality of objects is capable of invoking ~~[[a]]~~ the method of ~~a-second~~ the target object in the second object-oriented telecommunication device, the method executable by processing circuitry associated with said second object-oriented telecommunication device using said MIB data structure.

2. (Original) The first object-oriented telecommunication device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said specified protocol interface is Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

3. (Currently Amended) The first object-oriented telecommunication device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said MIB data structure comprises an object identifier (ID) associated with ~~[[a]]~~ the target object in said second object-oriented telecommunication device.

4. (Currently Amended) The first object-oriented telecommunication device as set forth in Claim 3 wherein said MIB data structure comprises ~~a method name identifying a selected method associated with said target object and~~ at least one method parameter associated with said ~~selected~~ method.

5. (Currently Amended) The first object-oriented telecommunication device as set forth in Claim 4 wherein said object conduit MIB manager comprises an interface controller capable of communicating with said one or more of said first plurality of objects and gathering said data from said one or more of said first plurality of objects.

6. (Currently Amended) The first object-oriented telecommunication device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said object conduit management information base (MIB) manager is further capable of receiving a response MIB data structure from said second object-oriented telecommunication device, extracting data from said response MIB data structure, and distributing said extracted data to said one or more of said first plurality of objects.

7. (Currently Amended) For use in a communication network, a first object-oriented telecommunication device capable of communicating with a second object-oriented telecommunication device in said communication network, said first object-oriented telecommunication device comprising:

processing circuitry executing a plurality of objects, said processing circuitry associated with said first object-oriented telecommunication device; and

an object conduit management information base (MIB) agent capable of receiving a management information base (MIB) data structure from said second object-oriented telecommunication device using a specified protocol interface, extracting data from said received MIB data structure, and distributing said extracted data to one or more target objects of said plurality of objects, the MIB data structure comprising a method name identifying a method associated with the one or more target objects in the first object-oriented telecommunication device.

wherein said object conduit MIB agent is capable of invoking ~~[[a]]~~ the method ~~of a first object of said plurality of~~ associated with the one or more target objects using said MIB data structure.

8. (Original) The first object-oriented telecommunication device as set forth in Claim 7 wherein said specified protocol interface is Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

9. (Currently Amended) The first object-oriented telecommunication device as set forth in Claim 7 wherein said MIB data structure comprises an object identifier (ID) associated with a ~~target one of said~~ the one or more of said ~~plurality of~~ target objects in said first object-oriented telecommunication device.

10. (Currently Amended) The first object-oriented telecommunication device as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said MIB data structure comprises ~~a method name identifying a selected method associated with said target object and~~ at least one method parameter associated with said selected method.

11. (Currently Amended) The first object-oriented telecommunication device as set forth in Claim 10 wherein said object conduit MIB agent comprises an interface controller capable of communicating with ~~[[said]]~~ one or more of said plurality of objects and distributing said extracted data to said one or more of said plurality of objects.

12. (Currently Amended) The first object-oriented telecommunication device as set forth in Claim 7 wherein said object conduit MIB agent is further capable of gathering data from said one or more target objects of said plurality of objects and generating therefrom a response management information base (MIB) data structure suitable for communicating with said second object-oriented telecommunication device using said specified protocol interface.

13. (Currently Amended) A communication network comprising:

a first object-oriented telecommunication device capable of communicating with a second object-oriented telecommunication device in said communication network, said first object-oriented telecommunication device comprising:

processing circuitry executing a first plurality of objects, said processing circuitry associated with said first object-oriented telecommunication device; and

an object conduit management information base (MIB) manager capable of gathering data from one or more of said first plurality of objects and generating therefrom a management information base (MIB) data structure representing a plurality of objects in said second object-oriented telecommunication device, the MIB data structure suitable for communicating with said second object-oriented telecommunication device using a specified protocol interface, the MIB data structure comprising a method name identifying a method associated with a target object in the second object-oriented telecommunication device.

wherein a first object of said first plurality of objects is capable of invoking ~~[[a]]~~ the method of a second the target object in the second object-oriented telecommunication device, the method executable by processing circuitry associated with said second object-oriented telecommunication device using said MIB data structure.

14. (Original) The communication network as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said specified protocol interface is Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

15. (Currently Amended) The communication network as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said MIB data structure comprises an object identifier (ID) associated with ~~[[a]]~~ the target object in said second object-oriented telecommunication device.

16. (Currently Amended) The communication network as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said MIB data structure comprises ~~a method name identifying a selected method associated with said target object and~~ at least one method parameter associated with said ~~selected~~ method.

17. (Currently Amended) The communication network as set forth in Claim 16 wherein said object conduit MIB manager comprises an interface controller capable of communicating with said one or more of said first plurality of objects and gathering said data from said one or more of said first plurality of objects.

18. (Currently Amended) The communication network as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said object conduit management information base (MIB) manager is further capable of receiving a response MIB data structure from said second object-oriented telecommunication device, extracting data from said response MIB data structure, and distributing said extracted data to said one or more of said first plurality of objects.

19. (Original) The communication network as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said second object-oriented telecommunication device comprises:

a plurality of objects executable by processing circuitry associated with said second object-oriented telecommunication device; and

an object conduit management information base (MIB) agent capable of receiving said management information base (MIB) data structure from said first object-oriented telecommunication device, extracting data from said received MIB data structure, and distributing said extracted data to one or more of said plurality of objects.

20. (Original) The communication network as set forth in Claim 19 wherein said specified protocol interface is Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

21. (Currently Amended) The communication network as set forth in Claim 19 wherein said MIB data structure comprises an object identifier (ID) associated with a target one of said one or more of said first plurality of objects in said first object-oriented telecommunication device.

22. (Previously Presented) The communication network device as set forth in Claim 21 wherein said MIB data structure comprises a method name identifying a selected method associated with said target object and at least one method parameter associated with said selected method.

23. (Original) The communication network as set forth in Claim 22 wherein said object conduit MIB agent comprises an interface controller capable of communicating with said one or more of said plurality of objects and distributing said extracted data to said one or more of said plurality of objects.

24. (Original) The communication network as set forth in Claim 19 wherein said object conduit MIB agent is further capable of gathering data from said one or more of said plurality of objects in said second object-oriented telecommunication devices and generating therefrom a response management information base (MIB) data structure suitable for communicating with said first object-oriented telecommunication device using said specified protocol interface.